

- / Claim 12, line 1, delete "any preceding" and after "claim" insert - - 1 - -.
- / Claim 17, line 1, delete "Claim 14 or".
- / Claim 19, line 4, delete "Claims" and substitute therefor
- / Claim - - and delete "to 13".
- / Claim 20, line 3, delete "Claims" and substitute therefor
- / Claim - - and delete "to 13".
- / Claim 21, line 1, delete "or Claim 20".

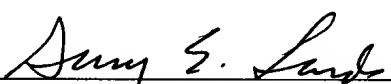
REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiple dependent claims. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination and an early examination is requested.

If any additional fees are due with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account Number 16-2230.

Respectfully submitted,

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